Adoption of employment guarantee scheme at national level

@3161. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have decided to adopt Employment Guarantee Scheme at the national level on the pattern of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Employment Guarantee Scheme of Maharashtra has been implemented in the rural areas of Maharashtra only. No other State has taken up this programme so far.

Recruitment for Libyan Army

$3162. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a representation made to the Prime Minister recently, several prominent citizens of Muzaffarnagar (U.P.) have levelled charges of clandestine recruitment of poor and needy persons for the Libyan Army; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the outcome of the inquiry if any, made by Government into the allegations made and the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Delhi based Recruiting Agency deployed 130 workers for a Leather factory in Libya but on arrival they were diverted for Military camps. With the intervention of the Indian Embassy 57 workers were absorbed by the foreign employer while the remaining 73 workers were repatriated to India. An offence has been registered against the Recruiting Agency by Delhi Police. The Registration Certificate of the Recruiting Agency has been suspended.

Cold storage facilities in A.P.

3163. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government for the establishment of cold storage facilities in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Cold storages are set up by various agencies including private parties, public sector corporations and cooperative societies on the basis of the requirements of each agency. In so far as cooperative sector is concerned, additional cold storage facilities are being created based on the actual needs of a particular cooperative for its area and assistance is generally provided by the State Governments with supplementary assistance made available by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC). To encourage establishment of cold storages, the Union Budget for 1988-89 has proposed reduction of excise duty on parts and accessories going into the installation of cold storage plants from 40 per cent to 15 per cent *ad valorem*.

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